

# PRONUNCIATION OF LETTERS OF THE QURAN

Figure 1

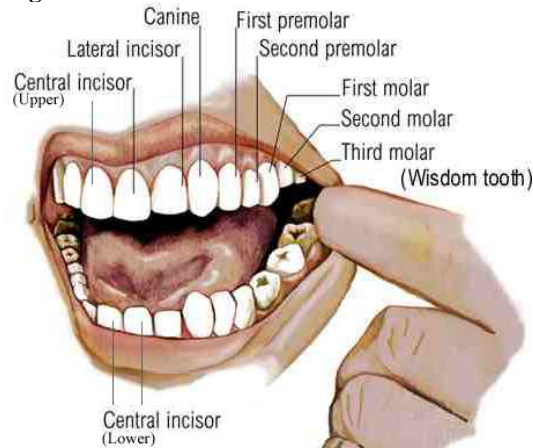
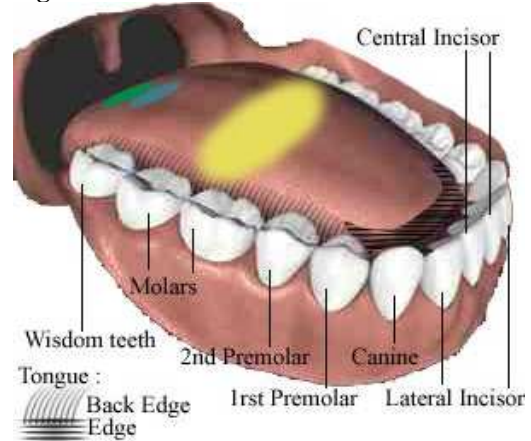


Figure 2



LETTER		MAKHRAJ: PLACE WHERE THE SOUND ORIGINATE	
EMPTINESS OF THE MOUTH			
ا maddah	The letter “ا” will be maddah (stretched) if there is a letter with Fat'hah (Zabar) before it.		
و maddah	The letter “و” will be maddah (stretched) if there is a letter with Dhamah (Pesh) before it.		
ي maddah	The letter “ي” will be maddah (stretched) if there is a letter with Kasrah (Zer) before it.		
THROAT			
ء ه	Part of the throat nearest to the chest		
ح ع	Centre of the throat		
خ غ	Part of the throat nearest to the mouth		
TONGUE WITH PALATE			
ق	Extreme back of the tongue (green fig.2)	Palate	
ك	Back of the tongue (blue fig.2)	Palate	
ي ش ج	Centre of the tongue (yellow fig.2)	Palate	
EDGE OF THE TONGUE AND GUMS OF THE TEETH			
ض	Upturned Back edge of the tongue (either left side, right side or both)	Roots of molars and premolars (either left side, right side or both)	
ل	Edge of the tongue	Gums from the 1rst premolar of one side to the 1rst premolar of the other side	
ن	Edge of the tongue	Gums from the Canine of one side to the Canine of the other side	
ر	Edge of the tongue	Gums from the Lateral Incisor of one side to the Lateral Incisor of the other side	
TIP OF THE TONGUE AND CENTRAL INCISORS			
ط د ت	Tip of the tongue	Root of Upper Central incisors	
ظ ذ ث	Tip of the tongue	Edge of Upper Central incisors	
ص س ز	Tip of the tongue	Edge of Lower and Upper Central incisors	
LIPS			
ف	Wet portion of bottom lip	Edge of Upper Central incisors	
ب	Meeting of wet portion of both lips		
م	Meeting of dry portion of both lips		
و	Incomplete meeting of both lips in an “O” shape		

The 5 letters in red **ق ط ب ج د** (فُطْبُ جَدِّ) have the quality of Qalqalh (echoing sound).

The 7 letters underlined **ظ ط ق غ ص ض خ** (خَصَّ ضَعَطُ قَطْ) have the quality of Isti'la (full mouth).

The letter ل of Allah and the ر are sometimes read full mouth, sometimes empty mouth according to its rules.